



ROBERT C. BYRD HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

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Description

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship is a federally funded program established to promote student excellence and achievement and to recognize exceptionally able students who show promise of continued excellence. This merit-based program provides approximately 200 awards per year for up to four years to graduating high school students who have achieved academic excellence. The financial resources of the family are not a criterion for determining eligibility. The federal law requires that awards be geographically distributed.

Application

The State of Michigan, Office of Scholarships and Grants, administers this program. Each spring, high school principals nominate one outstanding graduating senior, based upon high school academic achievement and college aptitude test scores. The principal will use a mathematical formula to combine the grade point average and SAT or ACT scores.

Program Limits

The current maximum award is \$1,500. The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship and all other financial aid for which the scholar qualifies cannot exceed the cost of attendance. The award is for the first year of study at any college or university in the United States and is renewable for three additional years of undergraduate study. Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

Eligibility

General eligibility requirements include:

- Enrolled in a higher education institution that participates in Federal Title IV student aid programs
- High school graduate or GED certificate
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Registered with the Selective Service, if applicable

(Students entering U.S. Military Academies are not eligible for consideration.)

Participating Institutions

Eligible institutions are Michigan postsecondary institutions or out-of-state institutions that participate in Federal Title IV student aid programs.

For More Information

Visit www.michigan.gov/studentaid

Contact the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship program at 1-888-4-GRANTS (888-447-2687) or at osg@michigan.gov.